

The Home

Three Ships

Three ships there be a sailing.
Betwixt the sea and sky,
And one is Now, and one is Then,
And one is By and By.

The first little ship is all for you—
Its masts are gold, its sails are blue,
And this is the cargo it brings:
Joyful days with sunlight glowing,
Nights where dreams like stars are growing.
Take them, sweet, or they be going,
For they every one have wings.

The second ship is all for me—
A-sailing on a misty sea
And out across the twilight gray.
What it brought of gift and blessing
Would not stay for my caressing,
Was too dear for my possessing.
So it sails and sails away.

The last ship, riding fair and high
Upon the sea, is By and By.
Oh wind, be kind and gently blow!
Not too swiftly hasten hither.
When she turns, sweet, you'll go with her—
Sailing, floating, hither, thither—
To what port I may not know.

—St. Nicholas.

Developing True Manhood and Womanhood

"Pansy" in the American Mother.

Individual responsibility in little things,—if there are any little things,—holding the child accountable so far as may be for his doings and sayings; training him to live "as seeing"—not his mother's eye always upon him, not his father's warning glance reaching after him, human eyes cannot do this; human influence is limited—but "as seeing Him who is invisible"—this, and only this will develop true manhood, true womanhood.

One Bible verse, world-wide in application, intense in its individuality, should be rooted in the heart of each little child; rooted and cared for and cultured that it may yield afterwards its tremendously important fruit. That verse is, "Each one of us shall give an account of *himself* to God."

"Number One"

Youth's Evangelist.

He is a number one boy," said grandmother, proudly. "A great boy for his book; indeed, he would rather read than play, and that is saying a good deal for a boy of seven."

"It is, certainly," returned Uncle John. "But what a pity it is that he is blind."

"Blind!" exclaimed grandmother, and the number one boy looked up too, in wonder.

"Yes, blind, and a little deaf, also, I fear," answered Uncle John.

"Why, John! what put that into your head?" asked grandmother, looking perplexed.

"Why, the number one boy himself," said Uncle John. "He has been occupying the one easy chair in the room all afternoon, never seeing you, nor his mother when she came in for a few minutes' rest. Then when

your glasses were mislaid, and you had to climb upstairs two or three times to look for them, he neither saw nor heard anything that was going on."

"Oh, he was so busy reading," apologized grandmother.

"That is not a very good excuse, mother," replied Uncle John, smiling. "If 'Number One' is not blind or deaf, he must be very selfish indeed to occupy the best seat in the room, and let older people run up and down stairs while he takes his ease."

"Nobody asked me to give up my seat nor to run errands," said "Number One."

"That should not have been necessary," urged Uncle John. "What are a boy's eyes and ears for, if not to keep him posted on what is going on round him? I am glad to see you fond of books, but if a pretty story makes you forget all things except amusing 'Number One,' better run out and play with the other little seven-year-old boys, and let grandmother enjoy the comfort of her rocker in quiet."

"I Cannot Leave Him Out"

The Gem.

A mother had taught her little girl to pray for her father when she offered up her petitions to the Lord. Suddenly that father was removed by death. Kneeling in her sorrow at her mother's side for an evening prayer, her voice faltered, and, glancing into her mother's eyes, she sobbed: "O mother, I cannot leave him out. Let me say, 'Thank God, I had a dear father once,' so I can keep him in my prayers."

How sweetly this dear child honored her father by her tender love!

Sisters' S. C. E.

From the President

IN EVANGELIST, No. 17, we were reminded of our mission toward the Theological chair, in an article by Ellen M. Showalter. Dear sisters, will you not turn to it again and read it carefully before you finish my letter. I heartily endorse her sentiment and wish particularly to emphasize the thought that the special work of the sisters is to support the Theological chair—to preach by helping the ministers in their preparation. I need not speak further on the importance of this work. You who have thinking minds realize this and know that it ought to be the work that belongs in a special way to the sisters.

Are we responding? Have we a worthy and definite object toward which we are working? Does the S. S. C. E. do her full part in promoting the growth of the church? True, the general purpose of the S. S. C. E. is stated definitely in the constitution as three-fold. Yet at the present time, in the history of the Brethren church, it is wisest to so concentrate our forces enough upon the Theological department as to support it without any other aid. As yet only \$250.44 have been sent for this fund during the pres-

ent school year, and Brother Miller's salary is \$600.

Have we been doing all we can? Nay, verily not? What then shall be done? Let every society hold several extra work meetings during the months of May and June and give the proceeds as a free-will offering to increase our Theological fund. Should you have some other way of raising the money honorably, see to it at once that it may be ready to send in with your semi-annual remittance on July 1. Or again, if you prefer simply to give, ask your pastor to take up a public collection and this will give every one an opportunity to share in this S. S. C. E. work. If next week is not the time for your regular meeting, let the president at once call together the members of her society to decide on some definite plan to raise the amount you wish to send, apart from the regular dues of ten cents per member.

Some of you feel that you have quite enough to do for your home church, but dear sisters, the example of Jesus must be ours to follow, and he gave himself continually to those who were most needy. So many churches have far greater need than your own, having no preaching services. If, as Brother Cassel has said, there are fifty churches without pastors, then surely we ought to make a special effort and deny ourselves to make this a good offering. As the Theological Department is supported and flourishes will the churches be supplied with pastors and the cause prosper.

The general organizer of the "Women's Home Missionary Society" in the Methodist church visited Ashland recently and gave a very interesting account of their work. The Methodist church has made an appeal for \$20,000,000 for missionary and educational purposes. Of this amount the two women's societies voluntarily assumed \$200,000 each.

I wish the S. S. C. E. might assume the entire salary of our Bible teacher, or at least pay \$500. But I can only make the appeal and trust to your loyalty to Christ's cause for an immediate response. I feel powerless to effect this except as I have access to the throne whence cometh all power, and I believe the love of God will move your hearts to work and help us in raising this amount.

For the love of Christ and in His name,

VIANNA DETWILER.

Ashland, Ohio.

Our Young People

Seeing Jesus

REV. C. A. S. DWIGHT

"We would see Jesus"—for our life is spending.
Its care-filled moments fleet into the past;
In Him we seek the truth with mercy blending.
The gifts and graces that forever last.

"We would see Jesus." Other cults unheeding,
We turn to learn from Him the Christian way:
From Christ we hear the word which most we're
needing.

Which guides from utter darkness into day.